

ROANOKE REGIONAL INTERMODAL FACILITY SITE REVIEW

Blue Ridge Site

Jurisdiction: Botetourt County

General Description: South of tracks along former N&W mainline, approximately 12 rail miles east of downtown Roanoke. Immediately east of the SR 805 overpass.

Proximity to I-81 and Road Access: Approximately 14 highway miles to I-81 via SR 805, US 460 and Alt 220.

Access to the NS Heartland Corridor: On the Heartland Corridor. Not directly accessible to the NS Shenandoah Valley and Altavista lines.

Need for Grade Separations: The existing SR 805 grade separation would have to be replaced to handle truck traffic.

Size and Shape of Site and Ownership: Very roughly 50 acres, and permits double ended rail access. Private ownership, undeveloped.

Topography: Hilly

Site Railroad Operating Characteristics: On double track mainline track. Significant mainline grade and numerous curves.